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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.FR. § 1.116**

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Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2009, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end August 10, 2009 (August 8<sup>th</sup> falling on a Saturday).

Applicant respectfully submits that this response is timely filed and no fee is required for its consideration. However, if any extensions of time are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant remarks, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.